

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is requested.

MPEP 1402 states that:

“Correction of failure to adequately claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 in an earlier filed copending U.S. Patent application was held a proper ground for reissue. *Sampson v. Comm’r Pat*, 195 USPQ 136, 137 (DDC 1976).”

As the utility application which issued as the patent that is the subject of this reissue application was filed prior to November 29, 2000, no petition for delayed priority claim is required. See MPEP 1402, page 1400-3.

The added material can be found in U.S. Patent No. 5,786,164, which was cited in the priority claim of the application which led to the patent under consideration. Note as well that a claim to a German priority application, filed in 1989, was also made. Clearly there was an inadvertent omission of material.

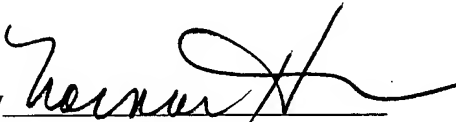
Favorable action on this reissue application is requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-BOER 778.4-DIV-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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